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SUBJ: LOS: MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 9

1. PERU, SIERRA LEONE AND JAMAICA MADE "SPECIAL STATEMENTS", SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GAVE WEEKLY REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES, AND UN LEGAL COUNSELOR STAVROPOLOUS INTRODUCED THREE RECENT SECRETARIAT REPORTS.

2. PERU SAID TREATY MUST BE WORLDWIDE IN SCOPE WITH ALL STATES PARTICIPATING IN ORDER TO CREATE A JUST UNIVERSAL ARRANGEMENT. A NEW CONVENTION REPLACING 1958 TREATIES IS NEEDED. OCEAN PROBLEMS MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE. MANY STATES HAVE INDICATED THEIR RIGHTS OUT TO 200 MILES. REGIONAL CUSTOMS CANNOT BE IGNORED. AN ATTEMPT MUST BE MADE TO SATISFY ALL STATES INCLUDING DEVELOPING AND LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES. TEXT AGREED BY CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL STATES. CLEAR TREND IS TO DISTINGUISHING AREA UP TO 200 MILES  
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EXCEPT FOR CONTINENTAL SHELVES WHICH MAY RUN BEYOND THAT

LIMIT, IN WHICH CASE SOME MAINTAIN THAT THE LIMIT SHOULD BE THE LOWER EDGE OF THE SHELF. NOTED THAT PERU CLAIMS COASTAL STATE SOVEREIGNTY WITHOUT ANY REDUCTION IN RIGHTS OF NAVIGATION WHEREAS OTHERS FAVOR 12 MILES PLUS A PATRIMONIAL SEA. PERU UPHOLDS MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY TO 200 MILES, AND WILL NOT STEP BACK FROM SOVEREIGNTY OF ITS SEAS. CRITICIZED GREAT POWERS FOR EXPLOITATION OFF COASTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, STRESSING STRONGLY RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES. REFERRING TO 200 MILE ZONE, SAID POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REQUIRED INTERNATIONAL REGULATION; AT STAKE ARE THE INTERESTS OF COASTAL POPULATIONS. REPEATEDLY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SOVERIGN RIGHTS OVER COASTAL MARINE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING RESOURCES AND REGULATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. PERU INTENDS TO SUBMIT WORKING DOCUMENT REGARDING ITS VIEWS IN SUBCOMMITTEE II, BUT RESERVED RIGHT TO DISCUSS IT IN SUBCOMMITTEES I AND III AND WELL.

3. SIERRA LEONE SUPPORTS OAU DECLARATION AND STRESSED RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATE TO PROTECT OFFSHORE RESOURCES AND NATIONAL SECURITY. POINTED THAT SIERRA LEONE CLAIMS 200 MILES TERRITORIAL WATERS WHICH INCLUDE THE OAU PROPOSED ZONE. SAID ERA HAS PASSED WHEN GREAT POWERS COULD USE LOS FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY DOMINANCE. SAID ARCHIPELAGO LINES CAN BE DRAWN TO INCLUDE OUTERMOST ISLANDS. SAID THAT WITHIN A ZONE THERE SHOULD NOT BE UNDER INTERFERENCE WITH NAVIGATION. QUESTION REMAINS AS TO WHETHER FULL EXTENT OF CONTINENTAL SHELF SHOULD BE INCLUDED. STRESSED BENEFITS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BUT SAID THAT WHEN IT AFFECTS COASTAL STATES THAT LATTER SHOULD RECEIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND THAT COASTAL STATES NATIONALS SHOULD BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN SUCH RESEARCH.

4. JAMAICA SAID ITS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE WAS WELL KNOWN, POINTING OUT THAT WHATEVER ZONE MIGHT BE CREATED MUST NOT DISTURB TRADITIONAL RIGHTS IN ADJACENT WATERS. THERE MUST BE REGIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC NOT TO TRY TO SETTLE NATIONAL JURISDICTIONS IN REGIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS. SAID IT AS PREFERABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A REGIONAL LEVEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THEN IF POSSIBLE TO APPLY IT IN A GLOBAL SOLUTION. NOTED WIDE COMMON GROUND BETWEEN PATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT AND OAU DECLARATION.

5. FAO REP INDICATED THAT FAO HAS NOW REVISED AND SUPPLEMENTED ITS PREVIOUS REPORTS SUBMITTED TO UN SEABED COMMITTEE.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE I CHAIRMAN ENGO EXPRESSED CONCERN AT TREND OF DELEGATIONS TO SPEAK AT EACH OTHER RATHER THAN TO EACH OTHER AND SAID THAT THIS AFTERNOON HE WOULD MAKE A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. SUBCOMMITTEE II CHAIRMAN GALINDO POHL AND WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN KADADI REFERRED TO TIME LIMIT OF JULY 16 FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR A COMPARATIVE TABLE, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DID NOT PREVENT DELEGATIONS FROM MAKING PROPOSALS AFTER THAT DATE.. STRESSED NEED TO PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE. KADADI WELCOMED EFFORTS OF OAU AND LA'S TO TRY PRIVATELY TO CONSOLIDATE A SINGLE TEXT. AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA (MEXICO) URGED EFFORT TO TRY TO COMBINE KENYA, OAU, AND COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA/MEXICO TEXTS. URGED SMALL NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS FROM EACH GROUP INCLUDING NIGERIA, TANZANIA, KENYA AND AUSTRALIA TO MEET PROMPTLY TO CONSOLIDATE A SINGLE TEXT. SAID AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO CONVERT OAU DOCUMENT INTO ARTICLES AND SAID IT WAS PREFERABLE TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE COMMON TEXT FIRST.

AMBASSADOR AMERASINGHE RESPONDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO SPONSORS OF THOSE TEXTS BUT SHOULD INCLUDE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AS WELL. SUBCOMMITTEE III CHAIRMAN VAN DER ESSEN SAID SPEAKERS LIST FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DEBATE WOULD CLOSE JULY 11. BASSIN

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